

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 22 percent from 15,714 acres in 1992 to 12,313 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 104 acres in 1992 to 102 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 61 farms in 1992 to 52 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

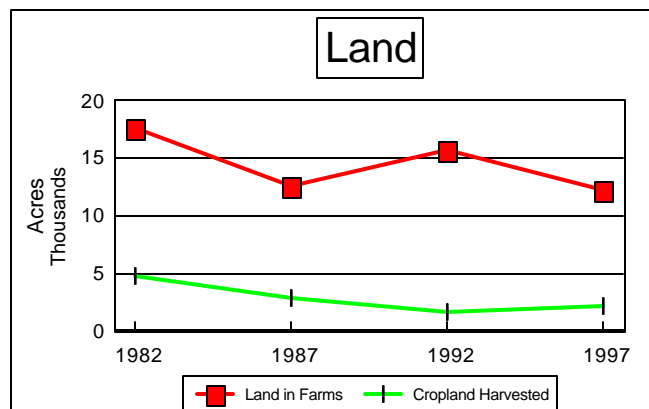
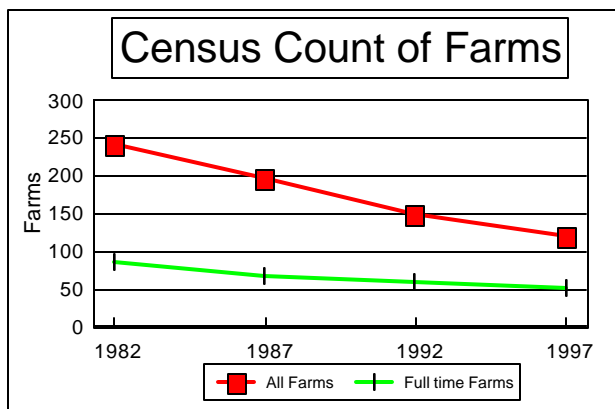
Increased 57 percent to \$5,233,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 96 percent from \$22,071 in 1992 to \$43,245 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	5,233	78	98	2,750	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,585	56	98	2,283	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,648	77	97	2,783	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,242	15	97	536	2,790
Dairy products	(D)	45	72	1,380	2,563
Cattle and calves	511	71	97	2,755	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	162	32	96	1,157	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	141	23	91	799	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	936	75	97	2,834	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	29	68	1,277	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	60	93	2,472	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	87	56	89	2,060	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	30	62	1,562	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,667	76	97	2,868	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	644	23	97	1,248	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	456	41	95	1,751	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	259	29	91	1,406	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	124	60	93	2,074	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,515	71	97	2,783	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	166	20	96	819	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	71	86	1,881	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	91	32	96	1,289	2,741
All nursery-acres	66	57	93	1,396	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	99	119	-17
\$10,000 or more	22	32	-31
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,536	3,803	-7
Average per farmdollars..	29,224	25,186	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,647	(531)	410
Average per farmdollars..	13,609	(3,514)	487
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	93	113	-18
Partnership or corporation	25	32	-22
Other	3	6	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	52	61	-15
Other	69	90	-23
Operators by sex:			
Male	93	103	-10
Female	28	48	-42
Operators by race:			
White	116	145	-20
Black and other races	5	6	-17
Average age of operator	58.4	56.9	3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.